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RECORD SOUTH AFRICAN CANNED FRUIT PACK INDICATED

The 1965 South African canned fruit pack has been estimated at a record level of 6.49 million cases of 24/2½'s. Canned peach production may set a new record of 2,020,000 cases; apricots should climb to 920,000 cases; and pears are expected to decline to 1,085,000 cases.

Exports of canned peaches, pears, and apricots during 1964 totaled 4,761,000 cases; however, 1965 exports may go up to 5,295,000 cases. Canned peach exports, in particular, are expected to show a sharp increase, attaining an all-time high of possibly 3,660,000 cases as against last year's record of 3,192,000 cases.

South African Canned Fruit Production and Exports

| Canned fruit | Average 1959-63 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 1/ |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1,000 cases 2/ | 1,000 cases 2/ | 1,000 cases 2/ | 1,000 cases 2/ |
| Production: | | | | |
| Apricots..... | 798 | 828 | 680 | 920 |
| Peaches..... | 2,554 | 3,533 | 3,439 | 4,020 |
| Pears..... | 683 | 914 | 1,318 | 1,085 |
| Fruit salad..... | 341 | 297 | 343 | 250 |
| Fruit cocktail..... | --- | --- | --- | 200 |
| Exports: | | | | |
| Apricots..... | 720 | 822 | 608 | 850 |
| Peaches..... | 2,275 | 3,182 | 3,192 | 3,660 |
| Pears..... | 565 | 752 | 961 | 781 |

1/ Forecast. 2/ 24/2½ cans.

Canned Peaches

A record pack of over 4 million cases (4,020,000) is the 1965 estimate for canned peaches--an increase of 1,466,000 cases over the 1959-63 average and 581,000 above the 1964 level. Preliminary data indicates exports of the current pack should reach 3,660,000 cases, of which 3,260,000 would be imported by the United Kingdom. This would represent an increase of over 430,000 cases over 1964 exports to the United Kingdom. Other foreign markets are becoming increasingly important and should represent an outlet for South African peaches of about 400,000 cases in 1965 as opposed to 366,000 in 1964 and 287,000 in 1963.

Kakamas, the basic South African clingstone variety, is an exceptionally fine canning peach, but according to the South African Peach Control Board, its quality compares unfavorably with Australian and California varieties when delivered to canneries because of the lack of an adequate grading system in South Africa.

South Africa's Canned Peach Supply and Distribution

| Item | : 1963 | : Revised | : Forecast |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | : 1963 | : 1964 | : 1965 ^{1/} |
| | : 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | : <u>cases 2/</u> | <u>cases 2/</u> | <u>cases 2/</u> |
| Supply: | | | |
| Carry-over November 1..... | : 3/ | 3/ | 3/ |
| Production..... | : 3,533 | 3,439 | 4,020 |
| Total supply..... | : 3,533 | 3,439 | 4,020 |
| Distribution: | | | |
| Exports | | | |
| To United Kingdom..... | : 2,895 | 2,826 | 3,260 |
| To others..... | : 287 | 366 | 400 |
| Domestic disappearance..... | : 351 | 247 | 360 |
| Carry-over October 31..... | : 3/ | 3/ | 3/ |
| Total distribution..... | : 3,533 | 3,439 | 4,020 |

^{1/} Production forecast for members of South African Cannery Association. Non-member production not expected to exceed 2,000 fresh short tons for canning.

^{2/} 24/2½ cans.

^{3/} Not available.

Canned Apricots

Owing to a favorable growing season and increased yields, the 1965 South African canned apricot pack should reach 920,000 cases. The 1964 pack of 680,000 cases is 118,000 cases below the 1959-63 average, and 148,000 cases below the 1963 figure.

Exports in 1965 are expected to increase substantially over the 608,000 cases exported the previous year, and may reach 850,000 cases. Imports by the United Kingdom should account for more than 80 percent (700,000 cases) of the total.

South Africa's Canned Apricot Supply and Distribution

| Item | : 1963 | : Revised : : 1964 | : Forecast : : 1965 ^{1/} |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | : 1,000 | : 1,000 | : 1,000 |
| | : <u>cases ^{2/}</u> | : <u>cases ^{2/}</u> | : <u>cases ^{2/}</u> |
| Supply: | | | |
| Carry-over November 1..... | : <u>3/</u> | : <u>3/</u> | : <u>3/</u> |
| Production..... | : 828 | : 680 | : 920 |
| Total supply..... | : 828 | : 680 | : 920 |
| Distribution: | | | |
| Exports | | | |
| To United Kingdom..... | : 688 | : 481 | : 700 |
| To others..... | : 134 | : 127 | : 150 |
| Domestic disappearance..... | : 6 | : 72 | : 70 |
| Carry-over October 31..... | : <u>3/</u> | : <u>3/</u> | : <u>3/</u> |
| Total distribution..... | : 828 | : 680 | : 920 |

^{1/} Production forecast for members of S.A.C.A. Non-member production not expected to exceed 500 fresh short tons for canning.

^{2/} 24/2¹/₂ cans.

^{3/} Not available.

Canned Pears

The 1965 South African production of canned pears is estimated to drop to 1,085,000 cases--233,000 cases below the bumper 1964 pack, but well above the 1959-63 average of 683,000. According to latest reports, adverse growing conditions were responsible for decreased production.

Exports of the current pack are forecast at 785,000 cases--down 176,000 cases from 1964. South Africa's exports to the United Kingdom during 1965 may amount to 750,000 cases--a drop of over 170,000 cases below the previous year.

South Africa's Canned Pear Supply and Distribution

| Item | : 1963 | : Revised | : Forecast |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | : | 1964 | 1965 ^{1/} |
| | : | | |
| | : 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | : <u>cases</u> ^{2/} | <u>cases</u> ^{2/} | <u>cases</u> ^{2/} |
| Supply: | : | | |
| Carry-over November 1..... | : <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> |
| Production..... | : 914 | 1,318 | 1,085 |
| | : | | |
| Total supply..... | : 914 | 1,318 | 1,085 |
| | : | | |
| Distribution: | : | | |
| Exports | : | | |
| To United Kingdom..... | : 636 | 922 | 750 |
| To others..... | : 116 | 39 | 35 |
| Domestic disappearance..... | : 162 | 357 | 300 |
| Carry-over October 31..... | : <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> | <u>3/</u> |
| | : | | |
| Total distribution..... | : 914 | 1,318 | 1,085 |

^{1/} Production forecast by S.A.C.A. Non-member production is negligible.

^{2/} 24/2½ cans.

^{3/} Not available.

Purchases of the current pack of fresh deciduous fruits for canning purposes by members of the South African Cannery Association are expected to total 161,150 short tons as contrasted with 139,844 tons in 1964 and 138,387 tons in 1963. Peaches account for 90,000 tons, followed by pears--34,600 tons--and apricots--25,000 tons.

Fresh Deciduous Fruit Purchases by S.A.C.A. Members 1/

| Kind | 1963 | 1964 | Forecast 1965 |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| | <u>Short</u> | <u>Short</u> | <u>Short</u> |
| | <u>tons</u> | <u>tons</u> | <u>tons</u> |
| Apples..... | 7,894 | 6,303 | 7,500 |
| Pears..... | 22,545 | 34,011 | 34,600 |
| Apricots..... | 25,701 | 18,584 | 25,000 |
| Peaches..... | 78,733 | 77,141 | 90,000 |
| Figs..... | 1,262 | 1,191 | 1,200 |
| Plums..... | 756 | 1,219 | 1,250 |
| Grapes..... | 778 | 846 | 900 |
| Other..... | 718 | 549 | 700 |
| Total..... | 138,387 | 139,844 | 161,150 |

1/ Years beginning November 1, 1963 through 1965.

The South African Canners Association has again entered into a voluntary scheme to control marketing in the United Kingdom. Reportedly members are optimistic about the disposition of their current packs. Minimum opening selling prices per dozen for the 1965 pack of canned deciduous fruit c.i.f. (United Kingdom Port) are listed below:

South African 1965 Canned Fruit Minimum Opening
Selling Prices, c.i.f. (U.K. Ports)

| <u>Kind</u> | <u>\$/Dz. 2½</u> | <u>Kind</u> | <u>\$/Dz. 2½</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Apricots: | | Bon Chretien Pear | |
| Fancy..... | 3.01 | Quarters and Slices: | |
| Choice..... | 2.80 | Fancy..... | 3.29 |
| Standard..... | 2.66 | Choice..... | 3.15 |
| Clingstone Peach Halves: | | Standard..... | 3.01 |
| Fancy..... | 3.15 | Fruit Salad: | |
| Choice..... | 3.01 | Fancy..... | 4.34 |
| Standard..... | 2.80 | Choice..... | 4.20 |
| Clingstone Peach Slices: | | Standard..... | 4.06 |
| Fancy..... | 3.22 | Fruit Cocktail: | |
| Choice..... | 3.08 | Fancy..... | 3.78 |
| Standard..... | 2.94 | Choice..... | 3.57 |
| Freestone Peach Halves | | Standard..... | 3.43 |
| and Slices: | | | |
| Choice..... | 2.66 | | |
| Standard..... | 2.52 | | |
| Bon Chretien Pear Halves: | | | |
| Fancy..... | 3.36 | | |
| Choice..... | 3.22 | | |
| Standard..... | 3.08 | | |

Average producer prices for fresh deciduous fruit in 1964 were lower than those of the previous year. Those of Clingstone peaches did not drop as sharply as they did in 1963, and at \$64.25 per short ton are the lowest since 1960. Producers received \$72.66 per short ton of Bon Chretien pears-- a price down slightly from 1963; while apricots fell from \$88.97 in 1963 to \$66.76 in 1964.

Average Producer Prices for Fresh Deciduous
Fruits for Processing

| Kind | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Dol. per Short ton | Dol. per Short ton | Dol. per Short ton | Dol. per Short ton | Dol. per Short ton |
| Apricots..... | 54.22 | 64.68 | 77.37 | 88.97 | 66.76 |
| Apples..... | --- | --- | 33.48 | 37.90 | 31.88 |
| Grapes..... | --- | --- | 53.45 | 45.63 | 51.47 |
| Peaches (Freestone): | 32.18 | 39.93 | 47.35 | 41.08 | 34.25 |
| Peaches(Clingstone): | 65.05 | 80.97 | 89.29 | 69.44 | 64.26 |
| Pears | | | | | |
| (Bon Chretien)... | 83.42 | 74.14 | 75.18 | 76.12 | 72.66 |
| Pears (Others)..... | 43.46 | 60.19 | 56.71 | 52.14 | 41.80 |
| Plums (Santa Rosa): | --- | --- | 42.34 | 43.56 | 41.34 |
| Plums (Satsuma)..... | --- | --- | 55.56 | 55.63 | 53.27 |
| Plums (Others)..... | --- | --- | 48.56 | 47.84 | 41.31 |

Tree numbers in South Africa have been increasing for the years shown below. According to the 1959-60 census, peach trees (bearing and non-bearing) totaled 6,639,000, while apple trees numbered 4,140,000 and apricot 3,316,000. Unofficial sources report that as a result of high peach prices in 1961 and 1962, peach tree plantings may have increased considerably during those periods.

South African Tree Numbers for Selected Fruits 1/

| Kind | 1949-50 | | 1954-55 | | 1959-60 | |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Bearing | Non-bearing | Bearing | Non-bearing | Bearing | Non-bearing |
| | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | <u>trees</u> | <u>trees</u> | <u>trees</u> | <u>trees</u> | <u>trees</u> | <u>trees</u> |
| Apples..... | 1,837 | 858 | 2,024 | 1,046 | 2,708 | 1,432 |
| Apricots..... | 2,112 | 1,136 | 3,032 | 1,181 | 2,892 | 424 |
| Peaches..... | 3,894 | 1,762 | 5,034 | 1,517 | 5,079 | 1,560 |
| Pears..... | 720 | 256 | 755 | 572 | 1,161 | 564 |
| Plums..... | 424 | 201 | 415 | 140 |) 747 |) 187 |
| Prunes..... | 330 | 199 | 364 | 107 |) |) |
| Figs..... | 392 | 135 | 205 | 32 | 67 | 6 |

1/ South African agricultural census includes only trees belonging to persons of European origin.

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